

**CHARTER COMMISSION
CITY AND COUNTY OF HONOLULU
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A G E N D A

**TUESDAY, MAY 2, 2006
REGULAR MEETING**

**CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE ROOM
SECOND FLOOR
CITY HALL**

2:00 P.M.

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1. Call to Order by Chair Donn Takaki

2. Executive Administrator's Report

Report, discussion and action regarding, among other matters:

- Amendments discussed at the April 18, 2006 meeting
- Next steps, including the work of the Committee on Style and Committee on Submission and Information
- Dates, locations, and structure of future meetings
- Status of budget process

3. Discussion and Action on Proposed Charter Amendments

The primary purpose of this meeting is to discuss and vote on which proposed charter amendments should be included on the 2006 General Election ballot.

Please note that the Commission may proceed differently than in previous meetings. Voting might take place individually immediately following testimony, rather than by category.

Note about categories: Categories and proposals may have been reorganized since previous meetings. Please review the list carefully to find proposals of interest.

Under the Commission's Rules, proposals require seven or more votes to pass this stage. An affirmative vote of the Commission on a proposal will place that amendment on the 2006 General Election ballot (following stylistic or other non-substantive changes and legal/agency review). Proposals that do not receive an affirmative vote will be dropped from consideration.

All proposals and amended versions are posted in PDF format on the Charter Commission website at <http://www.honolulu.gov/chc>. Hard copies are available for review at the Charter Commission office and the Municipal Library.

Note about schedule: Due to the anticipated length of the meeting, the Commission plans to take a short recess at approximately 4:00 p.m., and may take an approximately 30-minute recess from 5:45-6:15 p.m.

**** Denotes proposals that were amended on April 18.**

CATEGORY 1: ETHICS AND STANDARDS OF CONDUCT

PROPOSAL 28 - Ethics Commission; Allow the Ethics Commission to impose civil fines.

PROPOSAL 30 - Ethics, Charter Commission, Reapportionment Commission; Include the members of the Charter and Reapportionment Commissions as city officers for purposes of the ethics laws.

PROPOSAL 31 - Impeachment; Provisions re impeachment of elected officials are invalid; options to correct the charter.

**** PROPOSAL 41** - Standards of Conduct; Codify within the charter existing state law and provide uniform standards of conduct within all city entities.

PROPOSAL 75 – Ethics Commission; Include the prohibition against Ethics Commissioners taking an active part in political management or political campaigns set forth in the Hawaii Constitution Article XIV.

CATEGORY 2: BUDGET, COUNCIL, AND OTHER PROCEDURES

PROPOSAL 1 - Salary Commission; Amend provision regarding Council review of Commission findings.

PROPOSAL 34 - Budget; Administration and enforcement of the executive capital budget ordinance -- lapse in 12 rather than 6 months.

**** PROPOSAL 52** - Budget; Specify that the Mayor may sign or not sign a budget bill before exercising line-item veto authority.

PROPOSAL 53 - City Council; Allow the Council to designate which Councilmember will serve as Council chair and presiding officer pro tempore when both the chair and vice-chair are absent or disabled.

PROPOSAL 54 - Ordinances; Clarify that amendments to existing codified ordinances may be made by the City Council by reference to the codified provisions, rather than by reference to the numbered ordinances that may be enacted.

PROPOSAL 77 – Royal Hawaiian Band; Delete the reference to Royal Hawaiian Band in "Appointment, Confirmation and Removal of Officers and Employees".

PROPOSAL 78 – Civil Defense Agency; Delete the reference to Civil Defense Agency in "Appointment, Confirmation and Removal of Officers and Employees".

**** PROPOSAL 91** - Property Taxes and New Fund; Set aside one-half percent (1/2%) of real property tax revenues for land and natural resources protection and one-half percent (1/2%) of real property tax revenues for affordable housing.

CATEGORY 3: ELECTIONS AND REPRESENTATION

PROPOSAL 5 - Elections; Eliminate the first special election when there are only two candidates for an office.

PROPOSAL 9 - Neighborhood Commission; Establish direct relationship between Commission and Executive Secretary

**** PROPOSAL 13** - Neighborhood Commission; Revise the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Neighborhood Commission.

**** PROPOSAL 55** - Term Limits and Staggered Terms; Re term limits and staggered terms for Councilmembers.

**** PROPOSAL 86** - City Council; Increase the number of members on the City Council from 9 to 13.

CATEGORY 4: HOUSEKEEPING AMENDMENTS

PROPOSAL 35 - Department of Information Technology; Revise the Powers, Duties and Functions of the Director.

PROPOSAL 61 - Councilmember terms; Change the beginning time of the terms of Councilmember.

PROPOSAL 76 – Police; Delete prohibition of political activities by police department employees.

PROPOSAL S-6 - Petitions; Delete requirement of Social Security numbers on petitions.

PROPOSAL S-10 - Public notices; Distribution of public notices via a widely accessible electronic medium.

4. Committee Reports

- a. Budget Committee, Chair James Myers, Members Andrew Chang, Darolyn Lendio
- b. Submission and Information Committee, Chair Jan Sullivan, Members Gordon Grau, Amy Hirano
- c. Personnel Committee, Chair Darolyn Lendio, Members Jeff Mikulina, Donn Takaki
- d. Rules Committee, Chair Jared Kawashima, Members Jeff Mikulina, Malcolm Tom.

5. Officers Reports

- a. Chair Donn Takaki
- b. Vice-Chair Jeff Mikulina
- c. Treasurer Jim Myers
- d. Secretary James Pacopac

6. Announcements

7. Next Meeting of the Charter Commission

The Commission is tentatively scheduled to meet on Wednesday, May 10, 2006 at 2:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting on the remaining proposals for placement on the 2006 General Election ballot.

8. Adjournment

Notice regarding public testimony:

Please note that under the Rules of the Commission, speakers are requested to submit two copies of their testimony. Written testimony may be mailed to the Commission, faxed to 592-8633, or e-mailed to charter@honolulu.gov. The Commission requests that written testimony be submitted no later than 24 hours prior to the meeting; however, if you bring written testimony directly to the meeting, the Commission requests that you bring **20 copies**. Testimony will be accepted on agenda items only, and will be taken at the time the item comes up for discussion by the Commission.

You are requested to register to speak if you wish to provide oral testimony. Generally, oral testimony will be limited to **five minutes**. However, a speaker's time may be limited to **three minutes** if, in the discretion of the chair, such limitation is necessary to accommodate all persons desiring to address the Commission at the meeting.